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SUBJ: PROPOSED "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

REF: A. STATE 1918; B. STATE 41439

1. ON MARCH 3 EMBOFF RAISED MATTER OF "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS WITH HEAD OF FOREIGN OFFICE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT (VALLADARES). VALLADARES TOOK NOTE OF DATES OF CONGRESS AND BALLOTING DEADLINE AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER PROMPTLY. VALLADARES REAFFIRMED GOE POSITION THAT PRG IS "INSURGENCY" AND AS SUCH DOES NOT MERIT STATUS OF ANY KIND AT THESE MEETINGS.

2. EMBOFF ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF ECUADOREAN VOTE AT LOW CONFERENCE, ASKING WHY GOE HAD ABSTAINED. (REF B) VALLADARES RESPONDED SOMEWHAT VAGUELY, CITING SUCH FACTORS AS VOTES SOMETIMES NOT ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR DELEGATES TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND FACT THAT THESE SUBJECTS FREQUENTLY COME UP IN UNUSUAL AND UNEXPECTED WAYS (E.G. POSTAL BALLOTS, ETC.).

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3. COMMENT: BASED ON LOW CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT GOE WILL VOTE OUR WAY ON PRG ISSUE AT WMO CONGRESS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT TENDENCY OF GOE TO IDENTIFY ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH "THIRD-WORLD" ON VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, A FACT WHICH WILL MAKE SECURING ITS SUPPORT ON ISSUES SUCH AS THESE MORE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOE RECOGNIZES GVN AND HAS BEEN SOLID FRIEND ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, NOT WRITE OFF PROSPECT OF GOE SUPPORT ON THIS QUESTION AND INTEND TO FOLLOW-UP SHORTLY WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING HOW, IN FACT, GOE HAS VOTED.
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